



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Yousuke KOUNO

Group Art Unit: 2872

Application No.: 09/501,600

Examiner: A. Chang

Filed: February 10, 2000

Docket No.: 105398

For: OPTICAL FILTER AND OPTICAL DEVICE

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Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.114, Applicant(s) hereby request(s) continued examination and entry and consideration of the attached submission. The above-identified application was filed on or after June 8, 1995. Thus, entry is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.114(d).

Attached hereto is our check no. 141156 in the amount of ☒ \$750.00 as payment of the fees set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e). The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 15-0461. Two duplicate copies of this page are enclosed.

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Sir:

In response to the Final Rejection dated January 9, 2003, and after entry of the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 7 and 14 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please replace claims 2, 10, 12, 13 and 17-19 as follows:

01 2. (Four Times Amended) An optical filter that is provided at an optical path between a photoelectric converter, which converts a subject image formed at a light-receiving surface thereof to an electrical signal, and an optical system which forms the subject image with a light flux from the subject at said photoelectric converter, to filter the light flux, comprising:

a plurality of filter layers that are laminated along a direction of an optical axis of the light flux that passes through the optical filter, the plurality of filter layers including at

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